



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

**REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK**

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**CONNY B. McCORMACK**

Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

April 17, 2006

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**AGREEMENT WITH LOS ANGELES TIMES  
FOR 2006 PRIMARY ELECTION SNAP TALLY  
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3-VOTE)**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Approve and Instruct Mayor of the Board to sign agreement with Los Angeles Times for the County to conduct snap tally services in 16 of the 5,065 precincts throughout the County in the June 6, 2006 Primary Election.
2. All costs associated with these procedures will be reimbursed by Los Angeles Times.

**Purpose of Recommended Action:**

For many years, Los Angeles County has made snap tally services available to the news media to enable them to establish voting trends in certain election contests.

**Justification:**

Snap tallies are specifically authorized by Elections Code sections 14440-14443.

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**Fiscal Impact:**

Los Angeles Times will pay all costs associated with the snap tally process.

**Financing:**

(Not applicable)

**Facts And Provisions/Legal Requirements:**

Snap tallies do not interfere with the conduct of the election. Snap tallies will take place after all of the polls have closed and will not in any way delay the County's tally of election results. As your Board has been concerned in the past with early release of exit polling results, I have attached a statement from Los Angeles Times reaffirming their policy of not releasing such results until all of the polls in the State of California have closed.

Respectfully submitted,



CONNY B. McCORMACK  
Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

Attachment (1)

c: Chief Administrative Officer  
County Counsel  
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors  
Auditor-Controller

# Los Angeles Times

202 West First Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012  
213 237-7993

**Susan H. Pinkus**  
Times Poll Director

April 4, 2006

To the Board of Supervisors:

The Los Angeles Times Poll undertakes to make a firm commitment to enter into a contract with the County of Los Angeles for the counting of ballots for the following contests and propositions:

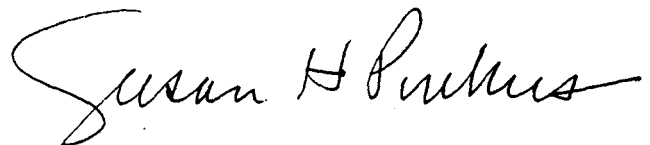
Democratic Primary for Governor	Total votes cast for each candidate
Democratic Primary for Attorney General	Total votes cast for each candidate
Republican Primary for Governor	Total votes cast for each candidate
Republican Primary for Attorney General	Total votes cast for each candidate
Proposition 82	Yes and No votes

The ballot counts will be provided for each of the following 16 precincts on the night of the Primary Election, June 6, 2006.

1550006A	6100004A
1600034A	6100018A
2500036A	6550018A
3300044A	6550062A
3850067A	7680010A
3850281A	9000128A
4800045A	9001006A
6000020A	9002143A

The Los Angeles Times Poll undertakes not to release or make any projections as to the winner of any race prior to poll closing time.

Sincerely yours,



## **SNAP TALLY AGREEMENT**

This agreement is made this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2006, by and between the County of Los Angeles (COUNTY) and Los Angeles Times, hereinafter referred to as TIMES.

### **W H E R E A S**

- A. The results of the June 6 Primary Election for candidates for Governor, Attorney General and Proposition 82 are of more than ordinary interest to the citizens of the County of Los Angeles; and
- B. TIMES has the capability for prompt dissemination of election returns to the public; and
- C. COUNTY desires the prompt public dissemination of such information; and
- D. TIMES desires to disseminate such information at the earliest lawful and possible time on June 6, 2006, and is willing to assist financially in conducting an unofficial count of ballots in certain selected precincts for that purpose; and

- E. Chapter 4 of Article 4 (Sections 14440-14443) of the California Elections Code permits such a count;

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

1. COUNTY agrees to conduct an unofficial count of the election ballots cast for Governor, Attorney General and Proposition 82 in each of specified precincts in COUNTY'S territory promptly upon the completion, in each respective polling place, of the balloting.
2. Attached hereto and incorporated herein as if set forth in full is a list of precincts selected, totaling 16.
3. The precinct board of each designated precinct shall consist of not more than six members, each of whom shall be informed by COUNTY to conduct said unofficial count in their precinct and make the results of the count available to TIMES.
4. Each of the precinct board members shall receive from the COUNTY, in addition to the regular compensation of a member of a precinct board of the County of Los Angeles, further compensation in the sum of twenty-five dollars (\$25) for the additional training and services required pursuant to this agreement.

5. Upon completing the unofficial ballot count, the inspector of a designated precinct shall promptly do or cause to be done in any reasonable sequence, each of the following:
  - a) Announce the results of the count to the designated representative of TIMES who is then present at the polling place.
  - b) Post the results of the count, written on a form furnished by COUNTY for that purpose, at the door of the polling place.
  - c) Return to COUNTY, when election supplies are checked in, a copy of the results of the count on a form furnished by COUNTY.
6. In consideration of COUNTY'S services as set forth in this agreement, TIMES shall pay to COUNTY the cost of COUNTY'S services. For the purposes of this agreement, the actual cost of the COUNTY'S services shall be computed by COUNTY; the maximum liability of TIMES under this agreement shall not exceed \$5,800.

7. No employee or representative of TIMES shall interfere in any way with the unofficial ballot count or any of the official election activities of COUNTY.
8. TIMES agrees to abide by Section 15152 of the California Elections Code that forbids the release of any vote count if the polls in any county in California are required to remain open beyond 8 p.m. Such vote results will not be released unless and until all polls are officially closed.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles has caused this Agreement to be subscribed by its Mayor of the Board and the seal of said Board to be hereto affixed and attested by the Executive Officer-Clerk thereof, and Los Angeles Times has respectively caused this Agreement to be subscribed in its respective behalf by the duly authorized officer, on the date first above written.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor of the Board

ATTEST:

SACHI A. HAMAI, Executive Officer –  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
of the County of Los Angeles

By \_\_\_\_\_

LOS ANGELES TIMES

By Susan H. Puker  
Title Director, L.A. Times Poll.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR., COUNTY COUNSEL

By Judy Whitehurst  
Judy Whitehurst  
Senior Deputy County Counsel

ATTACHMENT

LOS ANGELES TIMES SNAP TALLY PRECINCTS

PRIMARY ELECTION – JUNE 6, 2006

Count	Governor
	Attorney General
	Proposition 82

CITY/TOWN

PRECINCT

1550006A	Cudahy
1600034A	Culver City
2500036A	Gardena
3300044A	La Mirada
3850067A	Long Beach
3850281A	Long Beach
4800045A	Norwalk
6000020A	San Dimas
6100004A	San Gabriel
6100018A	San Gabriel
6550018A	South Gate
6550062A	South Gate
7680010A	West Carson
9000128A	Los Angeles
9001006A	Los Angeles
9002143A	Los Angeles